



MINUTES

SUNNYVALE SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION November 19, 2012

The Sustainability Commission met in regular session in the West Conference Room at 7:00 p.m. with Chair Harrison presiding.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Commission Members Present:

Commission Chair Sue Harrison
Commission Vice Chair Srivastava
Commissioner Barbara Fukumoto
Commissioner Andy Frazer
Commissioner Gerry Glaser
Commissioner Joe Green-Heffern
Commissioner Dan Hafeman

Council Liaison: Councilmember Jim Davis

Staff Present: Melody Tovar, Regulatory Division Manager
Mark Bowers, Solid Waste Division Manager
Dustin Clark, Sustainability Coordinator, Staff Liaison

Guest: Councilmember Tara Martin-Milius
Planning Commissioner Gustav Larrson

SCHEDULED PRESENTATION

None

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Harrison opened the public hearing to public announcements.

There were no announcements.

Chair Harrison closed the public hearing.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1.A. Approval of draft minutes of Sustainability Commission meeting of October 15, 2012.

Commissioner Glaser moved and Commissioner Hafeman seconded the motion to approve the meeting minutes of September 17, 2012 with a minor change requested by Commissioner Harrison.

VOTE: 7-0 (Vote was unanimous.)

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chair Harrison opened the public hearing to public comments.

There were no comments.

Chair Harrison closed the public hearing.

PUBLIC HEARINGS/GENERAL BUSINESS

1. ACTION: Discussion and Recommendations Regarding a Ban of the Use of Expanded Polystyrene (EPS) Food Containers

Mark Bowers, Solid Waste Division Manager, provided the Sustainability Commission a presentation regarding the ban of the use of expanded polystyrene food containers and answered Commissioner questions. The presentation content was the same as the presentations provided during public outreach on this topic.

Chair Harrison opened the public hearing to public comments.

There were no comments.

Chair Harrison closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Hafeman made a motion to recommend staff recommendation option one with an additional element for the prohibition of the sale of EPS in all Sunnyvale retail stores within two years. Commissioner Glaser seconded the motion.

Commissioner Hafeman spoke to his motion. Commissioner Hafeman commented that the reason he included the sale of EPS in all stores is an issue of fairness. Commissioner Hafeman commented that it makes more sense to the public to do it across the board while recognizing there is a risk people will go elsewhere, even with restaurants. Commissioner Hafeman commented that with the implementation of the plastic bag ban, the City has already dealt with most of these retailers so they are more used to it. Commissioner Hafeman commented that it seems like a natural step.

Commissioner Green-Heffern raised the question whether there is a risk in the process could be derailed with the addition of prohibiting the sale of EPS in all stores.

Commissioner Fukumoto commented that Santa Cruz has implemented an EPS prohibition policy and extended it to all stores.

Commissioner Glaser commented that one of the problems the Commission faces is that most are not informed on the issue and this study starts the education and presentation processes to say this is what it will look like when it is done. Commissioner Glaser commented that this is what everyone needs because the food packaging alternatives are there and we didn't know these alternatives 40-50 years ago because they didn't exist and we did things a different way.

Commissioner Frazer commented that this recommendation gives Sunnyvale the opportunity to take a leadership role.

Commissioner Srivastava commented that the Commission's recommendation creates an even handed policy that is more consistent because it not limited to food products from restaurants.

VOTE: 7-0 (Vote was unanimous)

2. Action: Ranking of Study Issues

Eight study issues came before the Sustainability Commission for ranking. The Commission voted to drop three study issues.

Commissioner Green-Heffern moved to drop study issue CDD 13-09 Sustainability Rating System. Commissioner Fukumoto seconded the motion.

Vote 6-0-1 (Motion carried; Commissioner Glaser abstained)

Commissioner Hafeman moved to drop study DPW 10-09 Reliable Electrical Power Options.
Commissioner Frazer seconded the motion.

Vote 6-0-1 (Motion carried; Commissioner Glaser abstained)

Commissioner Harrison moved to drop study ESD 13-04 Extending and Monitoring TDM Program.
Commissioner Fukumoto seconded the motion.

Vote 5-1-1 (Motion carried; Commissioner Hafeman dissented; Commissioner Glaser abstained)

The Sustainability Commission ranked the remaining five study issues brought before the Commission. The ranking results were:

	ESD 12-03 Impact of Sea Level Rise on Land Use	ESD 13-01 PPA for Alternative Energy Allocation	ESD 13-03 Revolving Loan Fund for Water and Energy Projects	ESD 13-05 Ecodistrict Feasibility and Incentives	DPW 13-11 Community Solar Array System
Fraser, Andy	3	1	5	4	2
Fukumoto, Barbara	1	2	5	3	4
Hafeman, Dan	3	2	4	5	1
Harrison, Sue	1	4	2	5	3
Glaser, Gerry	1	4	3	5	2
Green-Heffern, Joe	2	3	4	5	1
Srivastava, Amit	2	5	4	3	1
Total	13	21	27	30	14
	1 of 5	3 of 5	4 of 5	5 of 5	2 of 5

Chair Harrison opened the public hearing to public comments.

Council Member Martin-Milius commented that she appreciated thought going into the ranking process.

Chair Harrison closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Glaser moved to approve and forward the study issue ranking results to Council.
Commissioner Hafeman seconded the motion.

Vote 7-0 (Vote was unanimous)

NON-AGENDA ITEMS AND COMMENTS

Commissioner Oral Comments

Commissioners Glaser and Srivastava provided the Commission an overview of the CCA Workshop hosted by Sunnyvale at NetApp on November 14.

Commissioner Fukumoto commented that she attended a meeting featuring writer, sustainability advocate and founder of 350.org, Bill McKibben.

Commissioner Hafeman spoke about a presentation given at the Charles Street Community Garden by an expert on biochar.

Commissioner Harrison attended a meeting of the Lawrence Station Area Plan advisory group.

Commissioner Harrison commented that she attended a presentation on the impacts of an aging population.

Commissioner Harrison attended the Cool Cities Parking Workshop.

Commissioner Frazer attended a meeting regarding paid parking outreach.

Staff Comments

None

INFORMATION ONLY ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dustin Clark, Environmental Sustainability Coordinator

Reviewed by: John Stufflebean, Director of Environmental Services
Melody Tovar, Regulatory Programs Division Manager